

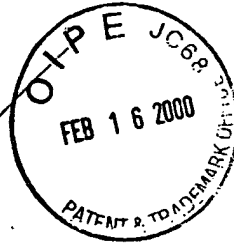
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

MOURITSEN et al

Serial No. 08/955,373

Filed: October 21, 1997



Group Art Unit 1644

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For: INDUCING ANTIBODY RESPONSE AGAINST SELF-PROTEINS
WITH THE AID OF FOREIGN T-CELL EPITOPES

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 20, 2000
(Paper No. 24), please amend the above-identified application as
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add the following new claim:

--53. The method according to claim 47, wherein the
modified self-protein is modified TNF- α , and wherein the antibodies
produced are effective in treating or ameliorating inflammatory
bowel disease.--

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